

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15 are pending in the present application. Claims 13-14 are canceled without prejudice. In the above amendments, claim 1 has been amended.

Claim 1 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,859.

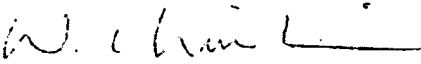
Claim 15 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,859 in view of claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,768,797.

In response, Applicant submits a new Terminal Disclaimer which overcomes the outstanding double patenting rejections. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to correct a minor informality with the claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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